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BEGIN SUMMARY. NORWAY IS UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT THE DUAL MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL IN THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS US ITS DELEGATION MAY BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, BUT MEANWHILE WE THINK NORWAY MUST BE LISTED IN THE DOUBTFUL CATEGORY. END SUMMARY.

1. DCM DISCUSSED KOREAN ITEM ON OCTOBER 9 WITH KJELD VIBE,  
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DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, AND LEFT TALKING

PAPER BASED ON PARAS 3-10 OF REF A. NOTING THAT NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT NATO CONSULTATIONS HAD EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT DUAL MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL (REF B), DCM ASKED FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF NORWEGIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TWO RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA.

2. VIBE PREFACED HIS RESPONSE WITH QUALIFYING REMARK THAT NORWAY WILL HAVE A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, AS YET UNIDENTIFIED, BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN ON KOREAN ITEM. CLOTHING THE BAD NEWS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE DIPLOMATIC GARB, HE SAID THAT, WHILE THE NORWEGIANS ARE RELUCTANT TO DECLARE THEMSELVES 100 PERCENT FOR OR AGAINST EITHER RESOLUTION, "AT THIS POINT WE SEE MORE OR LESS EYE TO EYE WITH YOU ON PRACTICALLY ALL ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN ITEM"--PARTICIPATION BY BOTH KOREAS IN THE DEBATE, DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, NO DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND UNLESS THERE IS AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE, AND THE ESSENTIAL INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UN COMMAND, THE PRESENT DEMARCATION LINE, AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES. NOR, HE SAID, IS IT LIKELY THAT NORWAY WOULD VOTE FOR A CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA.

3. DCM RETURNED TO DUAL MEMBERSHIP QUESTION, AND VIBE SAID THAT, SO LONG AS THE NORTH KOREANS INSIST THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIND LANGUAGE THAT DOES NOT LOOK LIKE THE UN IS TRYING TO IMPOSE MEMBERSHIP ON THEM. UNLIKE THE US, HE SAID, NORWAY IS INFLUENCED BY THE FACT THAT IT NOW HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS; IT IS HOPING IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO COME UP WITH A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION THAT WILL "TAKE CARE OF ESSENTIALS" BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE MEASURES THAT NORTH KOREA CANNOT ACCEPT. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, HE SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CURRENT EFFORTS TO FORMULATE SUCH A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION, BUT HE ASSUMES THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ASK THE NORWEGIAN PERMREP TO TAKE SOUNDINGS ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ONE.

4. VIBE STRESSED THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION THAT NORWAY'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS TO TRY TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BUT THAT A SECOND

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CONSIDERATION IS THE EXISTENCE OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DESIRE NOT TO OFFEND THE LATTER DOES NOT MEAN THAT NORWAY SUPPORTS ANY OF THE CONTROVERSIAL PROVISIONS OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. WHEN ASKED WHETHER NORWAY MIGHT ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST IT, VIBE SAID THE STATUS OF THEIR INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO ENABLE HIM TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

5. COMMENT. WE DO NOT SEE MUCH HOPE FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT ON THE DUAL MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL. THEY HAVE RECENTLY FOLLOWED UP RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA WITH ACCREDITATION OF AN AMBASSADOR TO PYONGYANG (AMBASSADOR RAVNE, RESIDENT IN PEKING), AND THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENT ON WORKING ACTIVELY AT IMPROVING RELATIONS. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY SIMPLY ARE NOT GOING TO OFFEND THE NORTH KOREANS THIS EARLY IN THE GAME BY SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION WHICH THE NORTH KOREANS DO NOT WANT. BYRNE

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